

**RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**7:30 pm**

1. **Roll Call and Agenda Approval** – Meeting came to order, a quorum was established, and the agenda was approved; Colin motioned to approve the agenda, and Joe seconded the motion.
2. **City of Sacramento Village Concept** – Janeen Thorpe

Janeen Thorpe from the City of Sacramento presented her vision for a Village Concept, with the ultimate goal to enable Sacramento residents to live in their homes longer.

Janeen explained that her vision is still in the infancy/visioning stage; she is currently bringing together interested partners in the community. The scope of a Village program in River Park (or broader, Sacramento-wide) could include assistance with transportation, activities of daily living, garbage take-out, yard maintenance, and other household tasks. Volunteers would be sourced from willing neighbors, who would be contacted through Janeen's office. Janeen and her team would serve as the conduit between neighbors needing help from the Village and the volunteer pool, matching up volunteers with availability and capability. Janeen's team would also manage background checks for volunteers and would be attuned to the cultural and linguistic needs of specific Sacramento neighborhoods.

Janeen shared that her office would also be the primary source of referral for social programs, such as Meals on Wheels.

Janeen highlighted two examples of successfully-launched Villages in Northern California: Sausalito, with a neighbor-led effort to provide transportation to neighbors; and San Francisco, with 200 volunteers serving approximately 650 neighbors. Janeen also discussed engagement with Sac State, collaboration with organizations such as the Renaissance Society, and potential funding sources, with the Hart Senior Center as the hub for Sacramento's concept.

The Board welcomed the concept with enthusiasm discussed next steps with Janeen, which will occur in several months, once a plan is established. Janeen will create a communications plan for the vision of the Village Concept; at that time, Janeen will be invited to draft an article for the River Park review to generate neighborhood interest.

3. **Neighborhood Watch** – Karla Mendoza

Board member Stephanie Mendoza shared that an unhoused individual was found at Caleb Greenwood before school on March 19<sup>th</sup> and was safely escorted off school grounds.

4. **Membership** – Joe Thompson

Joe shared membership is down by 36 members from last month; 27 have suspended. An additional 40 members were suspended the month before. Joe projects that membership counts will increase by the end of month. Joe will distribute letters to delinquent members later

this month. Joe also shared that membership is taking in slightly more revenue than this time last year.

5. **Financial Update** – Brian Haines

Brian shared that he plans to provide an update on financials before the Spring General Meeting in May.

6. **Spring General Meeting** – Karla

Karla is currently assessing a date for the Spring Meeting, which will likely be the first or second weekend in May; most likely on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once a date is finalized, she will update the Board.

Karla also shared that the Board will need to access the River Park storage locker for the Spring General Meeting.

7. **RP Review Update** – Inna Tysoe (virtual update)

Inna provided an update through Karla that editing for the April newsletter is complete, and that the team is nearly ready to print and distribute.

**Adjourn** – RPNA Board members welcome all current, new, and prospective neighborhood association members to attend next month's RPNA Board meeting on Thursday, April 17th at 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church. River Park community members can reach out to the RPNA at [sacramentorpna@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentorpna@gmail.com).

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